

# County-wide Recreation and Parks Advisory Board

Monday, October 14, 2019

## Meeting Notes

Present: Board: Carl Blake, Karen Kincer, Chris Richardson, Melanie Stickle, Felecia Wilson, Mark Pharaoh, Howard Goldberg, Safiatou Barry. Ex-officio: Jeff Sullivan, Stephanie Edelstein. Staff: Sandra Samuel, Trish Walsh, Amanda DeFilippo, John Nissel, Doug Ludwig, Adriane Clutter

Absent: Benjamin DuGoff, Rodrigue Vital, Robin Riley, Lyle Ganz, Bradley Ryan Michael Shimoff, Jefferey Szuchman, Mike Riley, Kizzy Chambers, Melanie Sasse, Traci Anderson

Meeting called to order by Karen Kincer at 6:37 p.m.

- Quorum six (6) present by 6:37 p.m.

### Welcome – Chair

- Trish Walsh is joining the team to replace Amanda DeFilippo
- Stephanie Edelstein is the new Acting Commission on Aging rep

### Review of Agenda

- Reviewed and approved October's agenda
- Motion made by Carl Blake and seconded by Howard Goldberg. Approved.

### Review and approval of June and September minutes

- Reviewed and approved June's minutes
- Motion made by Chris Richardson and seconded by Melanie Stickle. Approved.
- Reviewed and approved September minutes
- Motion made Carl Blake seconded by Chris Richardson. Approved with minor adjustments

### Community Announcements

- Burtonsville Placemaking Event
- Karen met with Race Directors – Budget and Finance Forum in DC
  - o Race for Discovery, Addiction and Recovery
- Carl mentions Patterson Park in Baltimore
  - o Good volunteer opportunities

### Ex Officio Reports

- Community Use of Public Facilities – Rod Vital
  - o No Report
- Commission on Aging – Stephanie Edelstein
  - o Vice Chair with Commission on Aging
  - o Supporting funding for rec programs for seniors
  - o Senior Center Plus, early stage memory loss
  - o Grants (check website)
  - o Rec. dept needs access to school facilities
- Community Action Board – Vacant
  - o No Report
- Montgomery County Public Schools – Jeffrey Sullivan
  - o Student athlete leadership council (1<sup>st</sup> mtg. in September)
    - Leadership, culture, vision
  - o Met with MCRD 9/17 (Joint opportunities)
  - o Increased collaboration
  - o Parks great ally to athletic programs
- Commission on People with Disabilities – Benjamin DuGoff
  - o No Report

#### Recreation – Adrienne Clutter

- County budget process changing
  - o Line item – outcomes budget
- Program areas not departments – MCRD had seven (7)
- How does your program area support CE priorities?
  - o Believe will take a while to figure out
- Considering 2-year budget cycle
- Advocacy will be very important
- Dept. performance measures and action plan
  - o Hybrid in the future?
- CIP considering “fresh” model due to new construction constraints equity lens
- Working with COA – listening opportunities for seniors/staff
- Future ballfield renovations w/Parks?
- MCRD develop feeder programs for H.S. sports
- Two community unfocused/unserved
  - o Poolesville

- Invite community member to the talk to the board
- o Lytonsville
  - Historic trees

### Parks – John Nissel

- Submitted report electronically
- Reps at C.E. Budget Forums
- Advocacy through Parks Foundations
- Programs Enhancement to the Planning Board for approval 10/24
  - o Requesting increase of 8/1%
  - o 1.8 percentage above
- Hearing about 2-year budget cycle
- Budget team to come and present to the board after the October Planning board session
- NRPA
  - o Over 8,000 attendees
  - o 33% of staff retiring the next 5 years
  - o Recruit future staff
- New Parks Foundation Executive Director
  - o Katie Rictor
- Trolley Museum
  - o 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - o Mike Riley will be receiving an award
- New Trail Section Leader
  - o Darren Flusche
  - o Focus on repairs of hard surface trails
- South Germantown Cricket field Opened
  - o Booming
  - o Very Demanding
- Ridge Road Inline Hockey Improvements (Capitals)
  - o Capitals supporting school w/equipment and training
- Friendship Picnic at Wheaton Regional Park
- Long Branch Placemaking Festival successful
  - o Partner w/MCRD amongst others
- Harvest Festival
- Seneca Store Celebration and Ribbon-cutting on Saturday, October 19th

- Garden of Lights at Brookside Gardens
  - o Complimentary tickets to the board
- Ideas for attracting new staff
  - o Housing, transportation, pay

#### Website Feedback/Question Form

- Website feedback form needs to be simplified, continue forward
- Simply the language
- Resend all comments directly to Karen Kincer

#### Recognition/Awards for Recreation and Parks Staff – Chris Richardson

- Parks have five (5) nominations
  - o Four (4) full-time
  - o One (1) part-time
- Adrienne Clutter will have her nominations before the next meeting
- Deadline is November 15<sup>th</sup>
- Parks will be hosting the event at Seneca Lodge on December 9th  Doug Ludwig will email Parks nomination to Chris Richardson and Mark Pharaoh.

#### Outreach to Regional Board – Carl Blake

- Karen email Carl's letter right before the meeting
- Review and email comments to Karen
- Communication by emails
  - o Google classroom
  - o Amanda will resend google classroom link
- o Budget areas info from Adrienne and John will be added to google classroom

8:07pm ADJOURN